

## DIRECTIVE

### Obligation to undertake no later than December 9, 2018 mining operations on a concession

**This directive comes into force on February 1, 2018.** It renders null and void any other previous directive on the same topic. The directive is adopted pursuant to section 118 of the *Mining Act* (CQLR, chapter M-13.1), which stipulate that:

118. The grantee shall commence mining operations within five years after 10 December 2013.

To fulfil this obligation, the grantee must show the Minister no later than December 9, 2018 that the mining concession is in operation or has completed at least one of the following stages leading to the mining of the mineral substances that the concession covers:

- have submitted to the Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles a feasibility study that conforms to the ministerial directive. The Minister must deem the study to be up to date and sufficient;
- have obtained the required environmental certificate of authorization to mine the mineral substances that the concession covers, in accordance with the *Environment Quality Act* (CQLR, chapter Q-2);
- maintain on the site of the concession an operational processing plant or a plant that is in standby and maintenance mode;
- use the existing accumulation areas or develop and use a new accumulation area on the site of the concession;
- have conducted during the previous two years on the lot covered by the concession exploration or development work or development prior to mining for a minimum amount of \$10 million.

This directive does not cover mining concessions in respect of which the letters patent were issued prior to July 1, 1911.